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CHAIRMAN BOSTWICK: It seems to me that one of the most interesting things in Mr Irwin's paper is the increasing popularity of Cooper in England. I think few of us realize, perhaps, how very widely Cooper has been read for a great many years.

Some one stepped up in front of the books for boys the other day and said, "Will you please tell me why this collection of books for boys is brought here to a convention of grown people?" I inquired of the assistant who has charge of them and she tells me that the circulation has been quite large. A number of people who are present must have read some of these books or glanced them over, at least, perhaps for the first time.

We have a few minutes still left. Suppose some of you tell us of something that has struck you in looking over these books. If no one seems inclined to do so, Mr President, I think you may consider this symposium closed.

THE PRESIDENT: We thank you very much, indeed, Mr Bostwick, for this most interesting addition to the program which has been made by you and your collaborators, whom also we cordially thank.

The Chair must ask your attention to a single matter before we consider the reports. As many of you remember, a suggestion was made last evening at the general session, that the by-laws which were then adopted should be referred to a special committee which might revise them with a view to removing any verbal inconsistencies that might have crept into them or that might have remained in them and escaped the vigilance of the Association last night. This suggestion was a usual and a very reasonable one, but it was not adopted; perhaps through fear of interfering with the successful closing of this meeting. If that was the motive the Chair must express his gratitude for it. At the same time, you know that a great deal of work has been done during these last five days. Not only have you successfully grappled with the new Constitution and with the by-laws which are appended to it, but you have gone through with a tolerably exacting program, while

both the Executive board and the Council have been pretty hard worked. It would be unfortunate if as a result, not of their haste, but of their fatigue, any verbal inconsistencies should finally mar what they have tried to make a thorough and conscientious piece of work.

In order to guard against such a contingency the Chair has resolved to ask you to give effect to a resolution which is, in purpose, practically identical with the suggestion that was made last night, viz., to authorize the incoming Executive board to make such changes in the text of the new by-laws—not the Constitution, but the by-laws—as may be necessary to eliminate verbal inconsistencies, should any be found. If such a motion is proposed now, the Chair will gratefully entertain it.

MR YUST: Mr President: I have been requested to present the following resolution—That the Executive board be, and it is hereby, authorized, previous to the first publication of the new by-laws, to make such changes in the text thereof as may be necessary to eliminate verbal inconsistencies, if any such be found."

As stated, I present this because I have been requested to do so, and not that I think that this will in any way remedy the fundamental defects which have been incorporated in the Constitution and the by-laws.

THE PRESIDENT: All the Chair asks for is authority to remove verbal inconsistencies.

(The resolution was adopted.)

There is now an opportunity for the presentation of certain resolutions.

MR G. F. BOWERMAN: Mr President: I am sure that many of us, during the course of this meeting, have been very sorry, in fact, we have been somewhat disconcerted, to learn that Mr Post, the Superintendent of Documents, will cease his term of office in a very few days. It seems fitting that some resolutions on the subject of his withdrawal be presented at this time. A somewhat similar resolution, with some verbal modifications, was unanimously adopted at our meeting of the National association of state libraries and the Government documents section of the Ameri-

can Library Association yesterday, and it seems that at that time the advisability was expressed of passing this resolution by the entire Association.

The preamble and resolutions are longer than we should like to have them, but they are long for the reason that it seemed desirable to state in some detail our reasons for the approval of the work of the office as it has been carried on under Mr Post.

The resolution recommended is as follows:

The American Library Association, with a membership of about 2,000 librarians and library trustees, representing about 800 libraries of all classes, in annual convention assembled, has learned with deep regret of the resignation of Mr William L. Post, as Superintendent of Documents, of the Government Printing Office, after a service of seventeen years in the Government Printing Office and of more than three years as Superintendent of Documents. The Association desires to go on record as heartily approving Mr Post's enlightened and progressive administration of his office, whereby he has rendered United States public documents useful to the public, through libraries, to a degree never before attained. This record has been made by Mr Post by the application of scientific cataloging methods to the documents, by the publication of the excellent monthly catalog, and by the adoption of other methods approved in commercial publishing houses for keeping the public informed of available material published by the government. The Association further desires to record its appreciation of the high value of public documents to the public, especially when intelligently administered and promptly and skilfully distributed. So important does this Association consider the efficient and intelligent distribution of documents to public libraries, that it is hereby

Resolved, That in filling the position of Superintendent of Documents, the Public Printer is respectfully requested and urged, in the interest of the whole American people served by libraries, to keep in mind the purpose of conducting the Office of Superintendent of Documents on a plane of highest efficiency, progress and usefulness to the public through the libraries, and, as the work of this Office is to a high degree technical, to insist upon long experience in the office or training in library work as prerequisite for appointment.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United

States, to the Public Printer, to the Chairman of the Congressional joint committee on printing, and to Mr Post.

MR LEGLER: Mr President: I desire to submit a series of resolutions by request, but I may say that they have my very hearty approval.

The resolutions recommended are as follows:

Whereas, The Third Assistant Postmaster General has rendered a decision to the effect that cumulative bibliographic publications will no longer be allowed second class rates of postage, and

Whereas, In making this decision the opinions of the three preceding officials have been overruled and reversed, it is

Resolved, That this Association regrets a decision which, while admitting the monthly editions of books of railway time tables, the annual editions of university catalogs, and publications consisting principally of repeated advertising matter, excludes publications that contain repeated matter of a bibliographic character; and it is further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this organization that the existing law should be so amended that decision regarding such publications may not depend on the judgment of each succeeding executive of the Department, but that the right to the second class rate of postage may be fully, specifically and permanently established.

(The resolutions were adopted unanimously.)

THE PRESIDENT: We have now to deal with a few reports.

THE SECRETARY then read a report from the Council. (See p. 443.)

THE PRESIDENT: The report of the Committee on resolutions will now be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on resolutions recommends the adoption of the following minutes:

As the Thirty-first Annual Conference draws to a close, the American Library Association desires to record its sincere appreciation of the efforts of those who have contributed to make the meeting at Bretton Woods a great success, and especially to express its gratitude to the Hon. Charles R. Corning, of Concord (N. H.), the Board of trustees of the New Hamp-